[Translation]

Opening of College at Nugholi Kalan in Uttar Pradesh

2381. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be please to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open a college at Nigholi Kalan in Uttar Pradesh in view of the difficulties being faced by the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). Central Government or University Grants Commission (UGC) do not set up any colleges of their own. Colleges are generally set up by State Governments/Universities/ Private Managements keeping in view the demand for higher education and availability of resources. In view of this, the matter is required to be looked into by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Cancer Eradication Programme

2382. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total annual grants provided by the Union Government to State Governments and charitable hospitals for cancer eradication programme during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the criteria and guidelines adopted for such grants;

(c) the number of cases of such demands pending alongwith details thereof and reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) During the year 1995-96, a sum of Rs. 15.98 crores has been released under the National Cancer Control Programme. A provision of Rs 18.00 crores has been made during the year 1996-97 for the programme.

(b) to (d). The proposals for release of grants are approved by a Standing Committe on the National Cancer Control Programme for Cobalt Therapy Units and development of Oncology Wings.

Financial assistance is provided for :-

(i) Procurement of Cobalt Therapy Units and other equipment to institutions/Regional Research Centres;

(ii) undertaking health education activities relating to early cancer detection & pain relief measures in selected districts and

(iii) development of Oncology Wings in Medical Colleges/hospitals.

There are about 20 cases which are for consideration during the current financial year. Assistance would be provided subject to fulfilment of the prescribed conditions and availability of funds.

Athletic Teams

2383. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of International sports events in which our athletic teams participated during the last six months;

(b) the criteria followed in selecting sportsmen for these teams;

(c) the results achieved by our teams in those events; and

(d) the steps being taken to raise the standard of performance of our sportmsmen to enable them to perform better in international events in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) (a) Four

(b) The criterion followed was performance in the 'Open Selection Trial' and National/International Meets.

(c) The results achieved by the teams were below :

Event	Result
(i) Olymics Games Atlanta during July-Aug., 1996.	No medals were won by Indian Athletes
(ii) World Junior Athletic Championship, Sydney during Aug., 1996.	2 Athletes represented India. Although neither won any medals, they created National record in their respective events
(iii) International Marathon, Seoul during Oct., 1996; and	None of our Athletes won any medals
(iv) International Marathon, Singapore on 1st Dec., 1996.	

(d) Steps being taken to raise the standard of performance include emphasis on sports in educational institutions as well as in rural areas; prioritization of disciplines; stress on the development of Juniors/Sub-Juniors; preparation of Long Term Development Plans in consultation with National Federations; involvement of the Corporate sector; development of sports infrastructure; scientific back up to sportspersons etc

Grant to Indian Studies Centre (ISC)

2384 SMT KRISHNA BOSE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the reasons for discontinuing the grant which used to be given to the Indian Studies Centre at St Antony's College Oxford since 1983 even after an inspection in April 1996 by the Director of University Section, Ministry of Human Resource Development who was highly impressed by the work that was going on;

(b) whether there is any proposal to taken immediate steps for continuation of the grant since the centre promote academic study of India abroad and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) In 1982 with the approval of the Prime Minister financial support was provided for the setting up of a Centre for Indian Studies at St Antony's College Oxford for a period of 3 years Financial support @ £ 20 000 p a was given to the College Subsequently the financial assistance was extended for another 4 years i e 1986-87, 1989-90 with the clear understanding that it would not be possible to provide further assistance In November 1992 it was decided to provide financial assistance to the Centre for another 2-3 years by which time they would be in a position to raise their fund locally

The support to the Institute has been extended on the clear understanding that they would have to raise further resources locally and it would not be possible to provide further financial assistance to this centre The Government is not aware of the efforts made in this direction by St Antony's College

Illegal Immigrants

2385 SHRI G.M BANATWALLA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government had taken up with the foreign Governments the question of illegal immigrants from their countries to India;

(b) if so, when and with which countries; and

(c) the details of response of each such country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c) The question of illegal immigration has been taken up by Ministry of Home Affairs with the Government of Bangladesh only. The matter was discussed at length during the visit of our Home Secretary to Dhaka in October, 1993. The Bangladesh side had agreed to study with us the causes of cross border movements, to recommend measures for its elimination and to revive push back arrangements between Bangladesh Rifles and Border Security Force. The matter was also discussed subsequently in the meetings of the Joint Working Group held in March 1994 and April 1995

National Policy for Women

2386 SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to re-examine the National Policy for Women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The Government has not yet approved the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women.

Health Schemes

2387 SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the health schemes involving participation of charitable or voluntary organisations in operation at present in the country.

(b) the budgetary provisions and actual amount spent on these schemes during last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the method of monitoring and the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Scheme to CWC for Supply of Potable Water

2388. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any scheme to Central Water Commission for supply of potable water to Mumbai, for approval;